LEB 0 9 2004 W

2853\$

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Ramón Vega et al.

Serial No.:

09/845,062

Filed:

April 7, 2001

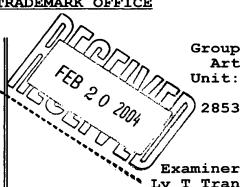
Title:

"INK RECEIVING APPARATUS AND

METHOD "

Our docket:

60015174Z146



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME under Rule 136(a)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington DC 20231 on Feb. 23, 200

Peter I Manmon Res 22.835

Sir:

Applicants ask that the time for filing a response to the pending Official Action dated October 21, 2003, be extended for one month, up to and including Feb. 3, 2004.

Please debit \$110 from Hewlett Packard deposit account 08-2025 for this time extension fee.

If any further fee (other than an issue fee) is required or any refund accrues, anytime during prosecution of this application, you are hereby authorized to proceed, without specific authorization, to charge such fee or credit such refund to Hewlett Packard deposit account 08-2025 -- pursuant to the accompanying transmittal form letter, submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

02/12/2004 KBETEMA1 00000059 082025 09845062

01 FC:1251

110.00 DA

Peter I Lippman

Registration No. 22,835 Attorney for the Applicants

ASHEN & LIPPMAN 4385 Ocean View Blvd. Montrose, CA 91020

Feb. 3, 2004

TELEPHONE: 818/249-5961